

claims 33 and 34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,271,346, the provisional double patenting rejection based on claims 27-76 of copending U.S. Application No. 09/792,356 would be the only remaining rejection asserted against the instant application. Applicants respectfully contend that pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 804, the provisional rejection based on claims 27-76 of copending U.S. Application No. 09/792,356 should therefore be withdrawn.

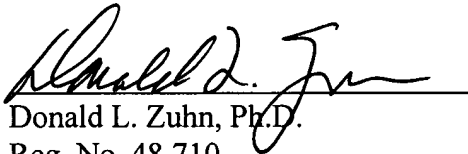
### **CONCLUSIONS**

Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. Allowance of the claims is thereby respectfully solicited.

If Examiner O'Hara believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at 312-913-0001.

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